(b) No reports suggesting Pak ISI involvement in this regard have so far come to the notice of the Government.

(c) The Central Government monitors and reviews the naxal problem regularly through the Coordination Centre and Task Force Meetings. The Government of Kerala has been advised to take preventive measures to nip the naxal problem in the bud itself.

Threat to the demography of Assam due to infiltration

235. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that infiltrations from Bangladesh is posing a serious threat to the demography of Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken for the safety and security of the region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The population of all religious communities in the State of Assam has increased by 18.92% in 2001 census *vis-a-vis* the 1991 census. This increase in population cannot be attributed entirely to infiltration.

(c) Apart from measures taken to step up vigilance on the borders, which *inter alia* include strengthening of Border Guarding Forces (BGF) and equipping them with modern and sophisticated equipment/gadgets; intensification of patrolling; accelerated programme of construction of border roads and border fencing, other steps taken are modernization of State Police Forces, reimbursement of security related expenditure, deployment of Central Para-Military Forces and establishment of Unified Hqrs. in Assam and Manipur for coordinated counter insurgency operations. 16 Tribunals have also been established under Illegal migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983 for detection of illegal migrants who entered into Assam on or after 25.3.1971.

Spurt in terrorist related violence in N.E.

236. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply to Starred Question 1 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st December, 2004 and to state:

(a) whether there was a spurt of terrorist related violence in North-East during September-October last year;